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provisions for Internet. I believe that we do have a long-term interest in not only the basic weatherization program but also in the Internet program. Why do I think we have an interest in the weatherization program and we shouldn't divert these monies exclusively to Internet? I think we've heard before from others that we have substantial infrastructure needs across our state in the schools, in our other public buildings. These dollars can be used to meet some of those infrastructure needs. And again those are long-term needs, those are not the immediate they are...can have an immediacy to them, but they confer a long-term benefit. And again I believe it is appropriate for us to be in and participating in those programs for the long haul, not just for today, but for the long haul. And I think that's what the amendment will allow us to do. As I say, the amendment is basically the provisions and maybe completely the provisions of LB 528...or 582, I'm sorry, 582, came out of Natural Resources Committee. I don't think it had any opposition in the hearing, and I believe that it represents the more appropriate policy choice with regard to funding of Senator Robinson's initiative, which I will say again that I agree with. With that, I would ask for your support. I'm sure that others will have comments with regard to the amendment. I hope that we can fairly and accurately discuss what the initiative is. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. Before we go to the next speaker, Mr. Clerk, did you have an announcement?

CLERK: I did, Madam President, and some items for the record, if I might. Judiciary Committee is meeting in Exec Session now in 2020...are they done? Judiciary Committee had met in Room 2022. (Laughter.) Madam President, Appropriations Committee reports LB 389 to General File with amendments; LB 390, LB 391, LB 392, LB 393, LB 394, LB 395, LB 281 and LB 429 to General File with amendments. Those reports signed by Senator Wehrbein as Chair. Senator Robak would like to print amendments to LB 762. And I also have, Madam President, Appropriations Committee offers new resolution, LR 101, signed by the members of the committee. That will be laid over. That's all that I have, Madam President. (See pages 1883-90 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you. Before continuing, I'll take advantage of the break and introduce, Senator Jensen has guests today under the north balcony. They are Linda Peterson, Matthew Peterson, Christen Peterson, and with them is an exchange